

community she lives in and works in across the states of Mississippi and Tennessee. She is well known for her savory and healthy meals, even giving food to strangers. No one goes hungry around her. She has been and continues to be the unbeatable family cook for over 70 years.

Ruth has lived in the Desoto County area and has been a contributing citizen for at least 65 years of her life. As a matter of fact, the home that she currently lives in was the last home that her father Gedie built, and where she and her siblings were born.

JACOB LEWIS

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 21, 2022*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last Sunday, I had the honor of attending the Olympiad at Beth Israel congregation in remembrance of the 50-year anniversary of the Munich massacre. Jacob Lewis was nominated to receive the Olympiad Student Athlete Award at the event. Jacob is the Valedictorian of Millville High School's Class of 2022, which has a total of 378 students. As well as excelling in academics, he is also involved in many extra-curricular activities. Jacob is a student-athlete who earned eight varsity letters on both the boys' soccer and tennis teams. In the fall, he will continue his academic and athletic careers at the University of Pennsylvania. Jacob should be very proud of all his accomplishments, and I wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors. God Bless Jacob, and God Bless our United States of America.

### RECOGNIZING JAIME SHIMEK ON HER DEPARTURE

### HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 21, 2022*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise as Chair of the Appropriations Committee, and on behalf of the Members of the Committee and its staff, to pay tribute to Jaime Shimek after her nearly 20 years of Federal service.

Hailing from Washington State, Jaime began her career as an intern for Representative Norm Dicks and as a staffer for Senator MARIA CANTWELL. She then served as Washington Senator PATTY MURRAY's Senior Policy Advisor for eight years, handling the appropriations and energy, agriculture, and water portfolios. Jaime left Congress, moving over to the Department of Energy where she served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Senate Affairs before serving as the Director of Federal Affairs at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

She then came back to Congress and joined the Appropriations Committee, where she has served for the past five years, including as Clerk of the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee since 2017.

Madam Speaker, during her time with Appropriations, Jaime has been an invaluable asset to the Members of the Committee and myself. She has a profound technical under-

standing of the full scope of the Subcommittee's jurisdiction, ranging from water infrastructure projects across the country to nuclear weapons to energy and science programs. She has been at the helm of the responsible investments we have made in the past several years to strengthen our energy independence, diversify our energy sources, fight climate change, rebuild our water infrastructure, and create green jobs.

I know I do not just speak for myself when I say we will miss Jaime greatly on this team. Jaime's hard work and her dedication to the Appropriations Committee and Congress have made her an incredible asset. I look forward to her future endeavors in her home state of Washington at a Department of Energy national lab and congratulate her on her career. The Appropriations Committee, and our entire Nation are indebted to Jaime and grateful for her service.

### H.R. 2020, THE POST-DISASTER ASSISTANCE ONLINE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

### HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 21, 2022*

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD a letter I've sent to Chairman DEFAZIO of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee regarding H.R. 2020, the "Post-Disaster Assistance Online Accountability Act," sponsored by Representative GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES,  
*Washington, DC, June 21, 2022.*

Hon. PETER A. DEFAZIO,  
*Chairman, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN DEFAZIO: I write concerning H.R. 2020, the "Post-Disaster Assistance Online Accountability Act," sponsored by Representative González-Colón. The Financial Services Committee received an additional referral on this bill but has not formally foregone any further consideration of the bill because we were unfortunately not given sufficient time to review it prior to it being brought to the floor on suspension. While I support the apparent purpose of this legislation, I am concerned that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have not been consulted for their opinion or technical drafting assistance on this legislation when they will play key roles in implementing this bill.

I have shared the text of this legislation with both HUD and FEMA and requested their input. I would appreciate your cooperation in addressing any concerns from these agencies and integrating any technical drafting changes they suggest as you work to move this bill in the Senate. My staff will be in touch as they receive feedback from these agencies.

I will be submitting a copy of this letter in the Congressional Record and I look forward to working with you on this and other issues where our Committees cross paths.

Sincerely,

MAXINE WATERS,  
*Chairwoman.*

IRENE JACOBSON

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 21, 2022*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending Irene Jacobson's 105th birthday celebration. Irene was born in April of 1917 in Boston, Massachusetts. After completing secretarial courses at Boston schools, she began her career as a secretary. Then, in 1937, Irene was set up on a blind date where she met her husband, Simon. In June of 1939, Irene and Simon got married and eventually had three children. During her time as a stay-at-home mom, Irene began her first volunteer effort where she worked on John F. Kennedy's first political campaign. In 1961, Irene and Simon moved their family to Vineland, South Jersey, where they made many friends, were actively involved in their synagogue, and generously contributed to the South Jersey community. In 2010, Irene won the Nutrition Award through my Joint Legislative Commendation efforts during my time in the New Jersey State Senate. Additionally, in 2017, she was recognized by the Cumberland County Freeholders for her service. Currently, Irene is a member of The Sons of Jacob Synagogue in Vineland and the Alliance Synagogue in Norma. She also enjoys spending time with family, reading, watching movies, and word puzzles. Irene should be proud of her service to the South Jersey community, and it was my honor to have had the opportunity to attend her birthday celebration. God Bless Irene, and God Bless our United States of America.

### FEDERAL RESERVE RACIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY ACT

SPEECH OF

### HON. PETE AGUILAR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2543 and thank Chairwoman WATERS for assembling this legislation.

I would like to highlight a critical provision of the bill, the Expanding Financial Access for Underserved Communities Act. As a former employee of a credit union, I understand that joining a credit union can provide Americans with invaluable financial opportunities.

However, unlike other depository institutions and financial services providers, not everyone in America can join a credit union. The Chairwoman's bill, and this package, help to mitigate that issue by allowing federally chartered credit unions the opportunity to apply to provide services for low-income, underserved and rural communities, where financial services are unfortunately limited to a payday lender or pawnshop. Nothing in this bill precludes any other financial services provider from serving these communities, and credit unions should not be restricted either.

I have seen firsthand the affordable and dependable services credit unions provide, and how they exist to change the lives of their members. Let us continue to work together to bring more common-sense solutions to America's unbanked.